

Award

The Marshall Building, London School of Economics and Political Science

Westminster, Greater London

From Lincoln's Inn Fields to the intricate urban grain to the south, The Marshall Building responds sensitively to its context, while adapting to maximise natural ventilation, daylight, terrace gardens and city views.

Spaces for sport, teaching, study, research and the arts are volumetrically and structurally interwoven, with tree-like structures transferring the structural spans required to accommodate the diverse brief. Under these branches the Great Hall, a new social space for the university is created, accessible to all, generously engaging with the wider public realm.

The forecourt to Lincoln's Inn Fields and the generous entrances and newly pedestrianised street to the south are landscaped in Yorkstone, and create shelter, seating and a vibrant public realm. Careful study of Lincoln's Inn Fields was undertaken to find an appropriate scale and expression to address the formal square and create a new front door for LSE to the city. As part of the university's commitment to sustainability, reducing waste and energy use across the campus, the Marshall Building has achieved a BREEAM

certification of "Excellent" demonstrating that the building is in the top 10% of UK new non-domestic buildings and meeting the project's sustainability objective. Access consultants formed an integral part of the Design Team providing advice through all stages, together with early consultation with the LSE Network of Disabled Staff and Students, Student Wellbeing Services and representatives of minority students allowed the diverse and specific needs expressed to form part of a holistically inclusive design.

A Changing Places facility has been provided with specialised equipment to allow the university to cater for users who may need these enhanced facilities. A dedicated baby changing room is also provided further enhancing social inclusion. The design of the sports facilities accommodates sports wheelchair users to participate in team and individual sports.

Judges' Comments:

"A fascinating building and one of the finest of its type."



Client
London School of Economics and Political Science

Architect and Lead Consultant
Grafton Architects

Main Contractor
Mace

Structural Engineer
AKTII

Services Engineer & BREEAM
Chapman BDSP

Landscape Architect
Dermot Foley Landscape Architects

Cost Consultants
Gardiner and Theobald

Project Management
3PM

Acoustic Consultant
Applied Acoustic Design

Universal Design Consultant
Buro Happold

Archaeologist
MOLA

Catering Consultant
Tricon

Design Manager Support
Plan A

Facade Consultant
Billings Design Associates

Wayfinding & Transport Consultant
Steer

Performance Consultant
Sound Space Vision

Planning Consultant
Turley

Fire Engineering Consultant
Chapman BDSP

Sports Consultants
Space and Place

Working/Learning Environment; FFE Consultant
Burwell Deakins

Lighting and AV Consultant
Chapman BDSP with Wide Angle Consultants

Public Realm Consultant
Publica

Precast concrete cladding specialist
Techrete

Furniture Showcase
Principal Designer
MSAFE

Demolition/Substructures Contractor
McGee



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